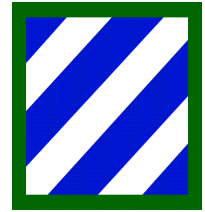


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### **Second Brigade's homecoming continues**

**FORT STEWART, Ga. (July 8, 2008)** – More than 270 Soldiers with the 2<sup>nd</sup> Brigade Combat Team, 3<sup>rd</sup> Infantry Division, were welcomed home by roughly 400 friends and family during a ceremony tonight at Cottrell Field here.

Third Infantry Division Deputy Chief of Staff Lt. Col. Robert Reynolds greeted the torch party and thanked them for a job well done during the brigade's 13-month deployment to southern Baghdad.

"Each of you standing before me has helped make history," Reynolds said. "You can look into your mirror at home and see the reflection of a person who has made a difference by securing the blessings of liberty for both the Iraqi and U.S. people. Be proud of the history you've made."

Also, more than 400 Spartan Brigade Soldiers came home over the weekend in two ceremonies. To date, more than 2,000 2BCT Soldiers have come home.

The brigade was located in Arab Jabour and detained more than 800 terrorist suspects and helped foster Iraqi self-governance. Second Brigade Soldiers blocked weapons from entering the Iraqi capital, protected the local population, and trained Iraqi security forces.

Following Reynolds' welcome at Fort Stewart and singing the national anthem, the Marne Song and the Army Song, the family members and friends rushed from the bleacher's reviewing stands to greet their Soldiers.